



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota have a proud heritage of working together for mutual benefit, and this philosophy of cooperation has promoted community well-being and improved overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Producer, consumer, and worker cooperatives have provided opportunities for people to work together, and Minnesota leads the nation both in overall number of cooperatives and membership in cooperatives; and

WHEREAS: Cooperatives have a rich history in Minnesota, including Finnish cooperative stores of the nineteenth century, farmers' agricultural cooperatives, and senior housing cooperatives of the late twentieth century; and

WHEREAS: Co-op Month is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of Minnesotans toward cooperation and mutual benefit, both now and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2012 as:

CO-OP MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE